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Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Amend claim 1 such that the claim set reads as follows:

1. (currently amended) An IOL comprising:
an optic;
a haptic;
a flexible membrane substantially encircling the optic and connected between the optic and the haptic to space the haptic from the optic, the flexible membrane having a flexibility greater than the optic and greater than the haptic.
2. (original) The IOL of claim 1 wherein the membrane is discontinuous about the optic.
3. (original) The IOL of claim 1 wherein the membrane is formed of a plurality of membranes each extending along a section of the circumference about the optic such that the plurality of membranes together substantially encircle the optic.
4. (original) The IOL of claim 3 wherein the plurality of membranes are independent from each other.
5. (original) The IOL of claim 3 including gaps formed between at least some of the plurality of membranes.
6. (original) The IOL of claim 1 wherein the haptic is discontinuous about the optic.
7. (original) The IOL of claim 5 wherein the haptic includes gaps adjacent the gaps of the membrane.

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8. (original) The IOL of claim 1 wherein the membrane is formed of two membranes each extending along a section of the circumference about the optic such that the plurality of membranes together substantially encircle the optic.
9. (original) The IOL of claim 1 wherein the membrane is formed of four membranes each extending along a section of the circumference about the optic such that the plurality of membranes together substantially encircle the optic.
10. (original) The IOL of claim 1 wherein the membrane is formed at an angle relative to a plane through the optic.
11. (original) The IOL of claim 10 wherein the membrane forms a frustoconical surface tapering at an angle relative to the plane of the optic.
12. (original) The IOL of claim 11 wherein the angle is between about 5 to 15 degrees.
13. (original) The IOL of claim 1 wherein the membrane is supported by a support ring attached about the membrane's outer edges.
14. (original) The IOL of claim 13 wherein the support ring is formed of segments.
15. (original) The IOL of claim 1 wherein the haptic is plate shaped.
16. (original) The IOL of claim 1 wherein the haptic is frog leg shaped.
17. (original) The IOL of claim 1 wherein the haptic is pie shaped.
18. (original) The IOL of claim 1 wherein the optic is a liquid form.

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19. (original) The IOL of claim 1 wherein the optic is a solid form.